

<p align="center">REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</p> <p>Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	09/880,173
	Filing Date	June 13, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Tomoyuki Asano
	Art Unit	3628
	Examiner Name	Frantzy Poinvil
	Attorney Docket No.	09792909-5110

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____.
 - ii. ☐ Other ____.
 - b. ☐ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other ____
- 2. Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
 - b. ☐ Other ____
- 3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for responding to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006 by one month(s) for a fee of \$120.00 so that the period for response is extended to October 5, 2006 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.
 - b. ☒ The credit card payment authorization for the fee is made via the electronic submission process.
 - c. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee, the extension of time fee (if applicable) and any additional fees that may be required, or to credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-3140. **A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.**

<p>14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Customer No. 26263</p>	
<p>Dated: <u>September 18, 2006</u></p>	<p>Marina N. Saito, (Registration No. 42,121)</p>

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Name (Print/Type)			
Signature		Date	